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In re the Application of: **KOHYAMA, Takuro et al.**

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Serial No.: **10/049,649**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 2, 2004**, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.